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Berne, December 20. *N. S.*

THIS Canton having long obſerv'd that the Baillages belonging to their Government have given ground to many Cabals, and created ſeveral Diſputes among the Competitors, they have at length come to this Reſolution, That the Choice to theſe Baillages, as they ſhall hereafter become Vacant, ſhall be determined by way of Lot; which they think will be the only means to render all previous Meaſures and Intrigues uſeleſs, as leaving the ſeveral Candidates to the Deciſion of Chance. It will at the ſame time remedy a great many Corruptions that have crept into the State, through the too earneſt purſuit after theſe Preferments, which influenced Men too much in all publick Debates, and made them act with a view only to their own private Intereſts. Our Letters of the 14th Inſtant from Coire adviſe, that Mr. Manning, her Britannick Majeſty's Secretary, had preſented a ſecond Memorial to the Helvetick Body in behalf of Monſieur Maſner. It is not yet known what Reſolution the Congreſs of the three Leagues will take on this Occaſion, but it is generally expected it will be in Favour of Monſieur Maſner, eſpecially ſince the Grand Prior is by the Emperor's Order conducted to Munich, which is look'd on as a plain Indication, that his Imperial Majeſty approves of what Monſieur Maſner has done.

Venice, December 26. *N. S.* Signior Savioni is named by the Senate to be Reſident in Swiſſerland, in the room of Signior Capello, who is appointed to go in that Quality to the Czar of Muſcovy. The Imperial Ambaſſador, and the reſt of the Foreign Miniſters, have been to Complement the Doge and Senate, on account of the Feſtival. On Chriſtmas-Day the Signieurie aſſiſted at Maſs in the Cathedral of St. Mark, and in the Evening a magnificent Entertainment was prepared for them by the Pope's Nuncio. They write from Rome, that there was a greater Appearance at Cardinal Conti's Entry, than had been known on the like Occaſion for many Years before, he being of the ancient Roman Nobility, and much reſpected on that account. There hath of late been much talk of a Match between Don Carlo Albani, the Pope's Nephew, and a Daughter of Count Carlo Borromeo; but it is thought the Concluſion of it will be ſuſpended 'till his Holineſs has declared what Eſtate he propoſeth to ſettle on his Nephew, and has dignified him with ſome Title of Honour. It was generally expected a Promotion of Cardinals would have been made in the laſt Conſiſtory, but People are now of Opinion the Pope will defer it 'till the Chriſtian Princes engaged in the preſent War conſent to a general Peace. They write from Naples, that the Duke de Loria, who had been confined by the late Viceroy Cardinal Grimani, was releas'd by Order of the preſent Viceroy, and reſtor'd to the Poſts he was poſſeſſed of before his Diſgrace.

Berlin, December 30. *N. S.* The Commiſſioners formerly appointed to enquire into the State of his Majeſty's Revenues, having made their Report to the King, his Majeſty order'd Count Witgenſtein, Great Marſhal of the Court, and Preſident of the Finances, to be put under an Arreſt; which Order was executed accordingly on Saturday laſt, and he was yeſterday Conducted to Spandaw, under the Guard of a Lieutenant-Colonel and twelve Soldiers. Several others that acted under the ſaid Marſhal are likewiſe confin'd, and amongſt them his Secretary and Commiſſary Ackerman. His Majeſty has had ſeveral Conferences with his Miniſters upon the Rupture between the Turks and Muſcovites, but they are not likely to come to any Reſolution here, 'till they ſee what Meaſures will be taken by the Allies, and Guarantees for the Neutrality of the Empire. Monſieur Klein, Privy-Counſellor to her Pruſſian Majeſty's Brother, the Duke of Mecklenburg, having executed the Commiſſions he had at this Court, is ſet out from hence in his return to Mecklenburg.

Hamburgh, January 6. *N. S.* Part of the Foreign Troops quarter'd in this Place having been withdrawn, to the general Satisfaction of the Inhabitants, each of the Superior Officers belonging to thoſe Forces was preſented with a golden Medal at their Departure. They write from Bardt in Pomerania, that a Perſon had been ſeized there upon Suſpiſion of ſome Deſign againſt King Staniſlaus. He at firſt pretended that he came from Bender, with Letters from the King of Sweden to that Prince; but being examined, he proved to be an Impoſtor, and that he had formerly ſerved in the King of Denmark's Army, but had been turn'd out of the Service upon ſome Miſdemeanor. He had eight hundred Ducats of Gold about him, and ſeveral Papers of Conſequence. The Poles ſeem much concern'd at the News of the Rupture between the Port and the Muſcovites, which comes confirm'd from all Parts; and we are told, that the Turks have expoſed the Horſe Tail, and that publick Prayers have been appointed in all their Moſques for a Succeſs upon their Enterprizes. The Swedes are raiſing four Regiments in the Dutchy of Deux-Ponts, and are buying Horſes to remount their Cavalry in Pomerania. They give out, that the Troops under the Command of General Craſſau are to join the Turks near Sendomir, and that the King of Sweden is to put himſelf at the Head of that Army. In the mean time the Tartars threaten to invade Muſcovy with forty thouſand Men, but the Czar has made ſuch Diſpoſitions, that they are like to meet with a vigorous Oppoſition; and our Letters from Dantzick of the 31ſt of the laſt Month make mention of an Action on the Frontiers, wherein the Tartars are ſaid to have been defeated; but as the Letters from General Janus, who Commands in thoſe Parts, take no Notice of any ſuch Engagement, little Credit is given to that Report. Our Advices from Dantzick add, that the States of Pruſſia are ſeparated without coming to any Reſolution. The King of Den-

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